

I CLAIM:

1. A method for opiate detoxification comprising administering an opioid antagonist at a rate greater than 0.4 mg/kg/hr.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said opioid antagonist is administered at a rate greater than 4 mg/hr.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the opioid antagonist is administered at rate greater than 0.6 mg/kg/hr but less than or equal to 1.4 mg/kg/hr.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising simultaneously administering Precedex at a rate greater than or equal to 1.5 mg/kg/hr.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said opioid antagonist is administered in a single dosage of 50 mg.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said opioid antagonist is Naloxone.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the Naloxone is administered at a rate greater than 4 mg/hr.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the Naloxone is administered at rate greater than 0.6 mg/kg/hr but less than or equal to 1.4 mg/kg/hr.

9. The method of claim 6 further comprising simultaneously administering Precedex at a rate greater than or equal to 1.5 mg/kg/hr.

10. The method of claim 6 wherein the Naloxone is administered in a single dosage of 50 mg.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said opioid antagonist is Revex.

12. A method for opiate detoxification comprising administering Revex at a rate greater than or equal to 0.32 mg/kg/hr.

13. A method for detoxifying a patient addicted to an opiate, comprising:

anesthetizing the patient; and

administering an opioid antagonist selected from the group consisting of Naloxone and Revex at a rate of at least 0.6 mg/kg/hr.

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising simultaneously administering Precedex at a rate of at least 1.5 mg/kg/hr.

15. The method of claim 13 further comprising stopping said administering of said opioid antagonist and giving the patient Revex.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising giving 8 mg of Revex to the patient.

17. The method of claim 13 further comprising intubating the patient prior to said administering of an opioid antagonist.

18. The method of claim 13 further comprising giving Valium, Xanax and Trazedone orally prior to anesthetizing the patient.

19. The method of claim 13 further comprising giving the patient antiemetics and antiperistaltic agents prior to administering an opioid antagonist.

20. The method of claim 13 further comprising giving the patient an antihistamine agent prior to administering said opioid antagonist.

21. The method of claim 13 further comprising administering an opioid antagonist for substantially one hour.

22. A process for opiate dependency detoxification, comprising:

anesthetizing a patient;
intubating the patient;
stabilizing the cardiovascular activity of the patient; and

administering an opioid antagonist selected from the group consisting of Naloxone and Revex to the patient at a rate greater than 0.6 mg/kg/hr.

23. The method of claim 22 further comprising giving Valium, Xanax and Trazedone orally prior to anesthetizing the patient.

24. The method of claim 22 further comprising giving the patient antiemetics and antiperistaltic agents prior to administering an opioid antagonist.

25. The method of claim 22 wherein anesthetizing a patient comprises giving the patient Valium, Xanax and Trazedone by mouth.

26. The method of claim 22 wherein stabilizing the cardiovascular activity of the patient comprises administering and titrating Precedex to the patient.

27. The method of claim 22 further comprising giving 8 mg of Revex to the patient.

28. The method of claim 22 further comprising giving the patient an antihistamine agent prior to administering said opioid antagonist.